

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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17. (Previously Presented) A forehead support adapted to be secured to a respiratory mask, said forehead support comprising:

a joining member for securing to the mask; and

a cushion frame provided to the joining member, wherein

the cushion frame is adapted to locate one or more forehead cushions, and

the cushion frame includes a depressable push button, the push button being structured and configured to selectively lock the cushion frame in at least one predetermined position relative to the joining member.

18. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame is T-shaped and includes a forehead cushion at each end of the upper portion of the T.

19. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein one of the cushion frame or joining member includes a tongue adapted to be received in one of at least two grooves provided on the other of the cushion frame or joining member so as to lock the cushion frame and joining member at one of a plurality of predetermined positions.

20. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 19, wherein the tongue is provided on the cushion frame and at least two pairs of grooves are provided on the joining member.

21. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein the cushion frame pivots relative to the joining member about an axis and the tongue and grooves extend in a direction substantially parallel to a line extending radially from the axis.

22. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein the cushion frame pivots relative to the joining member about an axis and the tongue and grooves extend in a direction angled with respect to a line extending radially from the axis.

23. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein the tongue is provided on a semi-rigid member which is adapted to permit the tongue to be moved out of engagement with a respective one of the grooves by manual manipulation of the semi-rigid member.

24. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 20, wherein said push button is adapted to protrude from the cushion frame to facilitate manual manipulation of the member.

25. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame includes a head strap connector.

26. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the joining member is produced from polypropylene or polycarbonate.

27. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame is produced from polypropylene or polycarbonate.

28. (Previously Presented) The support as claimed in claim 17, wherein the cushion frame and the joining member are integrally formed and connected by an integral hinge that allows relative movement there between.

29. (Previously Presented) A respiratory mask assembly comprising:
a respiratory mask; and
a forehead support secured to the mask, said forehead support including a joining member secured to the mask and a cushion frame provided to the joining member, wherein
the cushion frame is adapted to locate one or more forehead cushions, and
the cushion frame includes a depressable push button, the push button being structured and configured to selectively lock the cushion frame in at least one predetermined position relative to the joining member.

30. (Previously Presented) A locking mechanism for locking a forehead support of a facial mask, the forehead support including moveable T-bar and a joining member secured to the mask, the locking mechanism comprising:

(i) a cantilevered member structured to be fixed at a first end to the T-bar, the cantilevered member being adapted to flex between first and a second angular positions,

(ii) a button member molded to a second end of the cantilevered member and projecting generally at right angles from the cantilevered member;

(iii) a tongue member molded to the second end of the cantilevered member and having a first shape; and

(iv) at least one groove having a generally complementary shape to the tongue member and adapted to receive the tongue member;

whereby the locking mechanism is adapted to lock the position of the T-bar relative to the mask when the tongue is in a first engaging position and to allow the T-bar to move relative to the mask when the tongue is in a second disengaged position.

31. (Previously Presented) A respiratory mask assembly including a respiratory mask and a forehead support secured to the mask via a joining member, said forehead support including a cushion frame adjustably mounted to the joining member, wherein:

the cushion frame includes first and second forehead cushions,

the cushion frame is adapted to move relative to the joining member,

the cushion frame is selectively positionable at at least four predetermined, discrete positions relative to the joining member,

the cushion frame includes a tongue adapted to be received in one of at least four recesses provided on the joining member so as to positively position or engage the cushion frame and joining member at one of the at least four or more predetermined positions to change the angular position of the cushion frame relative to the wearer's forehead in use.

32. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 31, wherein the cushion frame includes a slotted head strap connector portion at each lateral end of the cushion frame.

33. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 31, wherein the mask includes a mask shell and a nasal mask cushion.

34. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 31, wherein the cushion frame is adapted to move relative to the joining member along a curved path.

35. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 31, further comprising a gas supply connector incorporated into the mask via the joining member, such that supplied gas flows through or past the forehead support.

36. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 31, wherein the first and second cushions are separated with a space therebetween.

37. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 36, wherein the first and second cushions are made of silicone.

38. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 31, wherein the cushion frame cannot move beyond a predetermined maximum position in at least one direction.

39. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 38, wherein the cushion frame cannot move beyond predetermined positions in each direction.

40. (Previously Presented) A respiratory mask assembly for a wearer, comprising:
a respiratory mask; and
a forehead support secured to the mask via a main body, said forehead support including a cushion frame adjustably mounted to the main body, wherein
the cushion frame is positively positionable or engagable in at least four predetermined positions relative to the wearer's forehead via a tongue adapted to be received in one of at least four recesses in the main body so as to positively position or engage the cushion frame and main body in one of the at least four predetermined positions, and
an angle of the cushion frame relative to the wearer's forehead in use is different in each of the at least four predetermined positions.

41. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 40, wherein the mask includes a passage through which pressurized breathable gas is supplied through or past the forehead support.

42. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 40, wherein each end of the cushion frame includes at least one slotted head strap receiving portion.

43. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 40, wherein the mask includes a mask shell and a nasal mask cushion.

44. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 40, wherein the cushion frame is adapted to move relative to the main body along a curved path.

45. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 44, wherein the curved path is centered on an axis that is parallel to an imaginary line that is transverse to the joining member.

46. (Previously Presented) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 40, wherein the frame includes first and second cushions and the frame moves about a curved path having a radius of curvature centered about an axis that is generally parallel to an imaginary line extending through the first and second cushions and generally transverse to the joining member.

47. (New) A respiratory mask assembly including:
a respiratory mask;
a forehead support adjustably coupled to the mask; and
an angular adjustment member to allow relative angular adjustment between the mask and the forehead support, wherein:

the forehead support includes at least one padded material portion,

the mask is selectively positionable at at least four predetermined, discrete positions relative to the forehead support,

the angular adjustment member includes a tongue adapted to be received in one of at least four recesses so as to positively lock the forehead support relative to the mask at one of the at least four or more predetermined positions to change the angular position of the mask relative to the forehead support,

the angular adjustment member includes a pair of flexible arms spaced from one another a predetermined distance, each of said flexible arms including an integrally formed said tongue, each said tongue being adapted to be selectively locked in a respective one of at least four recesses, and

each of the pair of arms includes an angled end portion adapted for manual manipulation, said angled end portions extending in directions opposite one another.

48. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 47, wherein, to adjust the mask relative to the forehead support, the angled end portions are flexed towards one another to disengage the respective tongues from the recesses, and releasing the angled end portions allows the tongues to resiliently flex towards and into engagement with the recesses.

49. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 48, wherein each said tongue is formed on the respective arm adjacent to the angled end portion.

50. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 47, wherein the forehead support includes a slotted head strap connector portion at each lateral side thereof.

51. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 50, further comprising a gas supply connector incorporated into the mask assembly, such that supplied gas flows through or past the forehead support.

52. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 51, wherein the mask is adapted to move relative to the forehead support along a curved path.

53. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 52, wherein the mask includes a mask shell and a nasal mask cushion.

54. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 52, wherein the mask includes nasal prongs.

55. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 47, wherein the padded material portion includes foam.

56. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 47, wherein the forehead support pivots relative to the mask about a generally fixed pivot axis.

57. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 56, wherein the tongue and each of the recesses extend in a direction substantially parallel to a line extending radially from the pivot axis.

58. (New) The respiratory mask assembly according to claim 57, wherein the arms extend substantially perpendicular to said pivot axis.